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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition comprising at least a plant-derived resin (A) and a flame retardant (B), wherein the weight proportions of the individual components in the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition are:

30<u>≤</u>W₁<55.5

44.5<X1≤70

wherein W₁ is the percentage by mass of the plant-derived resin (A) and X₁ is the percentage by mass of the flame retardant (B), and 90% by mass or more of the flame retardant (B) is composed of a metal hydrate containing an alkali metal-based substance in an amount of 0.2% by mass or less.

2. (Original) A flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition comprising at least a plant-derived resin (A), a flame retardant (B) and an aromatic ring-containing compound (C), wherein the weight proportions of the individual components in the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition are:

25≦W₂<55.5

39.5≦X2≦70

0.5≤Y≤20

wherein W₂ is the percentage by mass of the plant-derived resin (A), X₂ is the percentage by mass of the flame retardant (B), and Y is the percentage by mass of the aromatic ring-containing compound (C), and 90% by mass or more of the flame retardant (B) is composed of a metal hydrate containing an alkali metal-based substance in an amount of 0.2% by mass or less.

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3. (Original) A flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition comprising at least a

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plant-derived resin (A), a flame retardant (B), an aromatic ring-containing compound

(C) and a nucleating agent (D), wherein the weight proportions of the individual

components in the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition are:

25≦W3<55.5

29.5≤X₃≦70

0.5≤Y≤20

0.05<Z<u>≤</u>20

wherein W₃ is the percentage by mass of the plant-derived resin (A), X₃ is the

percentage by mass of the flame retardant (B), Y is the percentage by mass of the

aromatic ring-containing compound (C), and Z is the percentage by mass of the

nucleating agent (D), and 90% by mass or more of the flame retardant (B) is composed

of a metal hydrate containing an alkali metal-based substance in an amount of 0.2% by

mass or less.

4. (Currently amended) The A flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition

according to Claim 2 or 3, wherein the aromatic ring-containing compound (C) is a

compound selected from the group consisting of phenols, silicone compounds and

boron compounds.

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5. (Currently amended) The A flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 1 any of Claims 1 to 4, wherein the plant-derived resin (A) is a polylactic acid resin.

- 6. (Currently amended) The A flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 1 any of Claims 1 to 5, further comprising a drip-proof agent (E) in a weight proportion of 1% by mass or less to the total weight of the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition.
- 7. (Currently amended) The A flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 1 any of Claims 1 to 6, further comprising a high-strength fiber (F) in a weight proportion of 10% by mass or less to the total weight of the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition.
- 8. (New) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to Claim 3, wherein the aromatic ring-containing compound (C) is a compound selected from the group consisting of phenols, silicone compounds and boron compounds.
- 9. (New) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 2, wherein the plant-derived resin (A) is a polylactic acid resin.
- 10. (New) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 3, wherein the plant-derived resin (A) is a polylactic acid resin.
- 11. (New) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 4, wherein the plant-derived resin (A) is a polylactic acid resin.

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12. (New) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 2,

further comprising a drip-proof agent (E) in a weight proportion of 1% by mass or less

to the total weight of the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition.

13. (New) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 3,

further comprising a drip-proof agent (E) in a weight proportion of 1% by mass or less

to the total weight of the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition.

14. (New) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 4,

further comprising a drip-proof agent (E) in a weight proportion of 1% by mass or less

to the total weight of the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition.

15. (New) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 5,

further comprising a drip-proof agent (E) in a weight proportion of 1% by mass or less

to the total weight of the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition.

16. (New) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim

2, further comprising a high-strength fiber (F) in a weight proportion of 10% by mass or

less to the total weight of the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition.

17. (New) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim

3, further comprising a high-strength fiber (F) in a weight proportion of 10% by mass or

less to the total weight of the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition.

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18. (New) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 4, further comprising a high-strength fiber (F) in a weight proportion of 10% by mass or less to the total weight of the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition.

19. (New) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 5, further comprising a high-strength fiber (F) in a weight proportion of 10% by mass or less to the total weight of the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition.

20. (New) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 6, further comprising a high-strength fiber (F) in a weight proportion of 10% by mass or less to the total weight of the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition.